

SUBCHAPTER G—SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS PERMITS AND COAL EXPLORATION SYSTEMS UNDER REGULATORY PROGRAMS

PART 772—REQUIREMENTS FOR COAL EXPLORATION

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§ 772.1 Scope and purpose.

This part establishes the requirements and procedures applicable to coal exploration operations on all lands except for Federal lands subject to the requirements of 43 CFR parts 3480-3487.

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§ 772.10 Information collection.

The information collection requirements contained in part 772 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3507 and assigned clearance number 1029-0033. The information is to be collected to meet the requirements of section 512(a) of the Act, which requires that coal exploration operations that substantially disturb the natural land surface be conducted in accordance with exploration rules. This information will be used to give the regulatory authority a sufficient baseline upon which to assess the impact of the proposed exploration operation during the permanent regulatory program. The obligation to respond is mandatory.

§ 772.11 Notice requirements for exploration removing 250 tons of coal or less.

(a) Any person who intends to conduct coal exploration operations outside a permit area during which 250 tons or less of coal will be removed, shall, before conducting the exploration, file with the regulatory authority a written notice of intention to explore. Exploration which will take place on lands designated as unsuitable for surface coal mining operations under subchapter F of this chapter, shall be subject to the permitting requirements under § 772.12. Exploration conducted under a notice of intent shall be subject to the requirements prescribed under § 772.13.

(b) The notice shall include—

(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person seeking to explore;

(2) The name, address, and telephone number of the person's representative who will be present at, and responsible for, conducting the exploration activities;

(3) A narrative describing the proposed exploration area or a map at a scale of 1:24,000, or greater, showing the proposed area of exploration and the general location of drill holes and trenches, existing and proposed roads, occupied dwellings, topographic features, bodies of surface water, and pipelines;

(4) A statement of the period of intended exploration; and

(5) A description of the method of exploration to be used and the practices that will be followed to protect the environment and to reclaim the area from adverse impacts of the exploration activities in accordance with the applicable requirements of part 815 of this chapter.

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